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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. JP-A-2000-264941 with English Patent Abstract of Japan
2. Makromol. Chem. 182, 2973-2979 (1981)

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